

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA)**

Inspections and Information Gathering

- 1. AUTHORITY.** Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act, including Section 1445, and implementing regulations:
 - a. To perform the duties and responsibilities relative to reviewing records and conducting inspections.
 - b. To obtain and execute warrants for the purpose of performing an inspection or conducting information gathering.
 - c. To carry out any other inspection and information gathering activities authorized by the SDWA.
 - d. To require the carrying out of any other inspection and information gathering activities authorized by the SDWA.
 - e. To designate representatives of the Administrator to perform the functions specified in paragraphs 1.a, 1.b, 1.c and 1.d.
- 2. TO WHOM REDELEGATED.**
 - a. The authority in 1.a., the execution of warrants under 1.b., and 1.c.. are redelegated:
 - i. Through the Director, Water Division, or equivalent, and through the Branch Chief, Permitting, Drinking Water, and Infrastructure Branch, or equivalent, and through the Section Chief, Groundwater and Drinking Water Section, or equivalent, to the staff.
 - ii. Through the Director, Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division, or equivalent, and through the Branch Chief, Environmental Characterization Branch, or equivalent, to the staff.
 - iii. Through the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, or equivalent, and through the Branch Chief, Water Enforcement and Field Branch, or equivalent, and through the Section Chief, Field, Data, and Drinking Water Enforcement Section, or equivalent, to the staff.
 - b. The authority to authorize obtainment of warrants under 1.b., 1.d., and 1.e. is redelegated:
 - i. To the Director, Water Division, or equivalent.
 - ii. To the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, or equivalent.
 - iii. To the Director, Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division, or equivalent.
- 3. LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. The AA for OECA and the AA for OW must notify the appropriate regional administrator, division director, branch chief, or section chief prior to exercising any of the authorities specified in 1.a, 1.b, 1.c and 1.d, except in the case of nationally managed programs.
 - b. The appropriate regional administrator, division director, branch chief, or section chief must consult with the regional counsel, or equivalent, prior to requesting

warrants.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. The authority in 1.a., the execution of warrants under 1.b., and 1.c. may be redelegated to the staff level.
- b. The authority to authorize obtainment of warrants under 1.b. may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and no further.
- c. The authority in 1.d. and 1.e. may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and no further.
- d. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. SUPERSESSION. This delegation supersedes R10 9-12 (06/26/2017) and any other delegation of the same authority.

6. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Section 1445 of the SDWA.
- b. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Order 3510, "EPA Federal Credentials for Inspections and Enforcement of Federal Environmental Statutes and Other Compliance Responsibilities."
- c. 40 CFR Parts 144, 146 and 147.
- d. EPA Delegation 9-12.

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